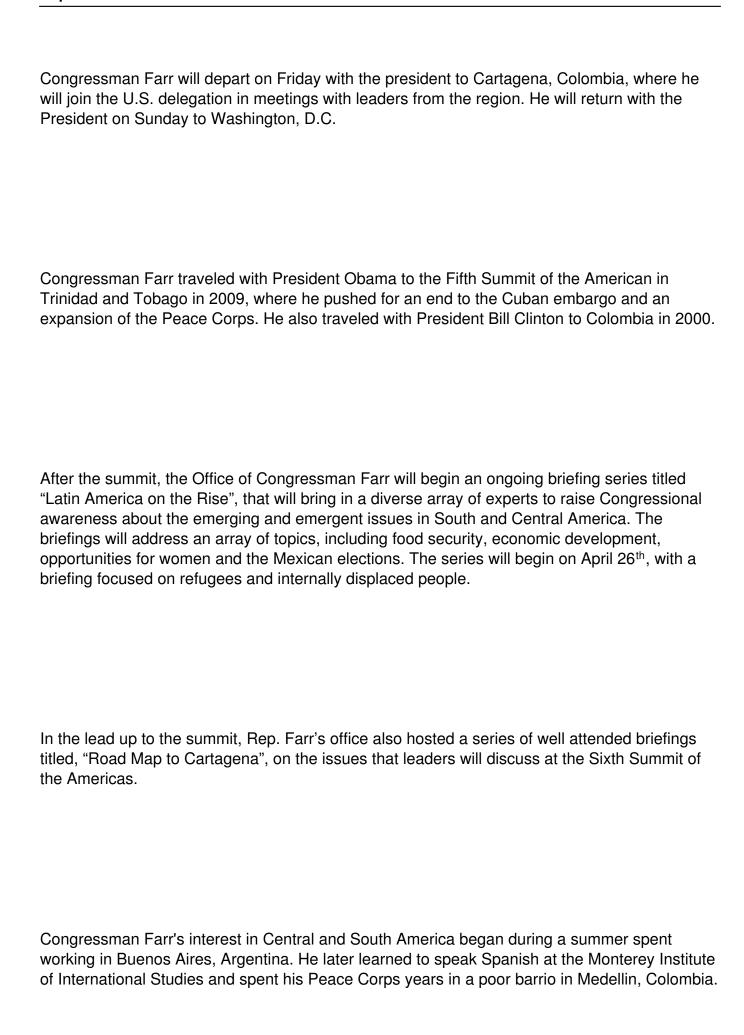
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<b>Washington, DC</b> – Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) will travel with President Barack Obama on Air Force One to the Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia. The summit, which takes place this weekend, brings together leaders of Western Hemisphere nations to discuss a variety of issues affecting the region.
Congressman Farr, a Returned Peace Corp Volunteer who served in Medellin, Colombia from 1964 through 1966, is recognized as a leader on Central and South American issues in the House of Representatives. For over three decades, he has traveled widely through the region; and since being elected to Congress has worked with his colleagues to address the area's issues of poverty, security, economic development and educational opportunity.
"I'm grateful to once again be invited to join President Obama at this important regional summit said Congressman Farr. "The United States has an important role to play in addressing the issues of poverty, human rights, and violence that are plaguing many of countries in our hemisphere. But that will require that we work as regional partners and focus our policies on

breaking the cycles of poverty, building local capacity, and creating broad-based, inclusive economic development."



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